

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Douglas P. Brown et al.

Serial No.: 09/977,038

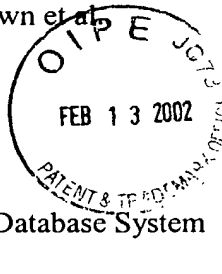
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**RESPONSE TO "NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF
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Dear Sir:

A copy of the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" mailed for this application on November 21, 2001, is attached.

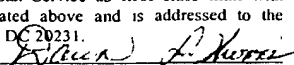
In response to the requirements of the Notice, applicant submits herewith 44 sheets of drawings. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account 50-1673 (10150). A duplicate of this paper is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 1-23-02



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I hereby certify under 37 CFR 1.8(a) that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Washington DC 20231.


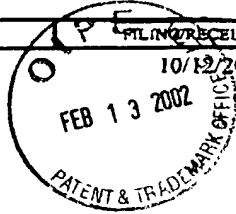
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| APPLICATION NUMBER | FILING/RECEIPT DATE | FIRST NAMED APPLICANT | ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER |
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| 09/977,038 | 10/12/2001 | Douglas P. Brown | 10150 (NCRC-0063-US) |

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The signature of the following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:
Manjula Koppuravuri
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

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A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.

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| Base Fee | 11-21-01 |
| Due Date | 1-21-02 |
| Fee | Missing Parts |
| Draw | Due |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pat. Acc | <input type="checkbox"/> Abst. Fee Pg |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Access |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Draw. (1/F) |

